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DOC Asks Faith-Based Community for Assistance

(Baton Rouge) In an effort to assist with the current evacuation of flood victims from the New Orleans area, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is soliciting volunteer assistance from the Faith-Based Community. Buses and 15-passenger vans will greatly enhance the state's effort to safely and efficiently move people in harm's way to an available shelter.

The Department realizes that some churches may not be able to provide transportation, but they may want to offer assistance by providing shelter space for evacuees.

If you are willing to assist by transporting displaced citizens to designated shelters or if you have shelter space available, please contact Rev. Larry D. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Adult Services at (225) 342-0548.

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